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NPS Releases Draft Wildlife Plan for Apostle Islands

Plan Will Guide Hunting, Trapping in the Park

A Draft Wildlife Management Plan/Environmental Assessment (EA) for Harvestable Species has been developed for Apostle Islands National Lakeshore by an interagency planning team, including National Park Service, state and tribal representatives. The draft plan/EA, a frequently asked questions document, and other support documents are now available for review at www.nps.gov/apis/hwp.htm. Public open houses will be held on December 6th at the Northern Great Lakes Visitors Center from 5:00-7:00 pm, and on December 14th at park headquarters in the old Bayfield County Courthouse in Bayfield from 4:00-6:00 pm. NPS staff will be available to provide information and to answer questions. Comments on the draft plan/EA are encouraged and will be accepted through December 29th.

While hunting and trapping are not permitted in many parts of the National Park System, the 1970 law that created the Apostle Islands National Lakeshore actually *requires* these activities to be permitted in the park. The draft plan outlines alternative strategies that include the

continuation and expansion of the park's unique recreational harvest opportunities, while also ensuring the long-term health of native plant and animal communities.

Comments on the Draft Wildlife Management Plan/Environmental Assessment for Harvestable Species can be mailed to park headquarters at 415 Washington Avenue, Bayfield, Wisconsin 54814, or emailed to apis_comments@nps.gov. Specific questions about this planning effort should be directed to Julie Van Stappen, Branch Chief, Natural Resources at (715) 779-3398, extension 211 or emailed to julie_van_stappen@nps.gov.

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